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 Filed: March 17, 2000) Examiner Clow, Lori A
 For: PRIMER DESIGN SYSTEM)
 Attorney Docket No. HIRA.0003)

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COVER LETTER

Sir:

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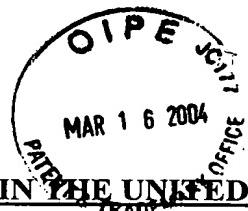
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's phone call on January 8, 2004 and the office action dated January 29, 2004, in the above identified application, the period for response is set to expire on April 29, 2004. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: